



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kuniko Kikuta

Serial No.: 09/584,739

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Examiner: Quach, Tuan N.

For: COPPER-ALLOY INTERCONNECTION LAYER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **June 18, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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